Tawa Project of Madhya Pradesh

2096. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the total investment so far on the Tawa Project of Madhya Pradesh including the investment in the command area development;

(b) what returns and benefits were projected for this project and how far have they been achieved;

(c) the manner in which Government propose to make amends for them if there have been shortfalls in (b) above; and

(d) what are the plans of Government to ensure fuller utilisation of the available water and to protect the farmers from the ill effects of water logging?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The investment is of the order of Rs. 176 crores.

(b) Against the projected irrigation potential of about two and a half lakh hectares, a potential of about two lakh hectares was achieved by 1984-85.

(c) and (d) The remaining works and construction of water courses/field channels are in progress. Tubewells are also proposed to be installed to counter the adverse effects in some areas showing signs of water logging.

Maharashtra Governments request for utilisation of unspent grant-in-aid

2097. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra have requested the Central Government for permission to utilise the unspent balance of the grant in-aid under Article 275(1) of the Constitution for 1985-86 during 1986-87;

(b) what decision Government have taken in this matter;

(c) whether Government of Maharashtra have sent fresh proposals for assistance under Article 275(1) for these schemes; and

(d) if so, what is the Government's reaction to the proposals?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Maharashtra had requested the Central Government for permission to utilise the unspent balance of Rs. 144.97 lakhs out of grants under Article 275(1) First Proviso of the Constitution released for the year 1985-86 during the year 1986-87. These grants form part of the Central Assistance released to the States. Any shortfall in the utiisation attracts a cut which is equal to the proportion Central Assistance bears to the total State Plan Outlay. Accordingly, the unspent balance of Rs. 144.97 lakhs attracts a cut of Rs. 27 lakhs. The State Government has been permitted to utilise the unspent balance with the understanding that a cut of Rs. 27 lakhs will be made from the Central Assistance to be released to the State hereafter.

(c) and (d) Fresh proposals in respect of 8 schemes given in the attached statement (*See* below) were received from the State during the year 1986-87 under Article 275(1) First Proviso. Administrative approval of Rs. 116.04 lakhs was issued to the State for the scheme 'Monopoly procurement of dry grass in Jawhar, Mokhada and Dahanu Talukas in Thane district' Clarification and further information have been sought in respect of schemes for—(a) Construction of Bio-gas plants near ashram schools, (b) Scheme for preventive measures to control diseases like Scabies, Diarrhoea, etc; and (c) Opening First-Aid Centres in Ashram Shalas and providing training to Ashram Shala teachers in Primary Health Care.

The remaining 4 schemes have not been agreed to. The reasons for this have been conveyed to the State Government.